

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:
a variable display device for variably displaying symbols; and
a front display device disposed in front of the variable display device,
wherein the front display device includes;

a liquid crystal display panel through which the variable display device is able to be seen;

a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the liquid crystal display panel, which is disposed between the variable display device and the liquid crystal display panel;

a panel frame having a panel frame peripheral portion and a panel frame front portion connected to and extending perpendicularly from the panel frame peripheral portion to form a panel frame receiving recess sized to receive the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate thereby forming a panel frame unit such that the panel frame peripheral portion surrounds the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate with the panel frame front portion defining a panel frame window;

a base frame having a base frame peripheral portion and a base frame front portion connected to and extending perpendicularly from the base frame peripheral portion to form a base frame receiving recess sized to receive the panel frame unit such that the base frame peripheral portion surrounds the panel frame peripheral portion and the base frame front portion forms a base frame window generally corresponding with the panel frame window and contacts the panel frame front portion in a facially opposing manner; and

a rear holder panel having at least one opening sized so that the variably displayed symbols can be seen therethrough and fabricated from material for reflecting light from the light guiding plate towards the liquid crystal display panel, the rear holder panel having a rear holder front portion and a rear holder peripheral portion extending

perpendicularly from and extending about the rear holder front portion, the rear holder panel sized to be slidably received by and retained in base frame receiving recess with the rear holder front portion in facial contact with the panel frame peripheral portion and the light guiding plate and with the rear holder peripheral portion facially opposing and surrounded by the base frame peripheral portion,

wherein the base frame is attached in front of the gaming machine for supporting the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate integrated by the panel frame unit and the rear holder panel.

5. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said variable display device is one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which said symbols are drawn.

6. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.

7. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 4, further comprising a transparent plate disposed in front of the base frame and wherein the transparent plate is disposed in contact with the base frame.

8. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the front display device further comprises a liquid crystal holder disposed between the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate, for holding the periphery of the liquid crystal display panel.

9. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:
a variable display device for variably displaying symbols; and
a front display device disposed in front of the variable display device,
wherein the front display device includes a liquid crystal display panel through which the variable display device is able to be seen;

a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the liquid crystal display panel, which is disposed between the variable display device and the liquid crystal display panel;

a rear holder which is disposed between the variable display device and the light guiding plate, for reflecting the light emitted on the light guiding plate to the side of the liquid crystal display panel, the rear holder having one or more ~~opening~~ openings allowing the symbols variably displayed in the variable display device to be observed, the rear holder panel having a rear holder front portion and a rear holder peripheral portion extending perpendicularly from and extending about the rear holder front portion;

an antistatic sheet covering the opening of the rear holder;

a panel frame having a panel frame peripheral portion and a panel frame front portion connected to and extending perpendicularly from the panel frame peripheral portion to form a panel frame receiving recess sized to receive the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate thereby forming a panel frame unit such that the panel frame peripheral portion surrounds the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate with the panel frame front portion defining a panel frame window; and

a base frame having a base frame peripheral portion and a base frame front portion connected to and extending perpendicularly from the base frame peripheral portion to form a base frame receiving recess sized to receive the panel frame unit such that the base frame peripheral portion surrounds the panel frame peripheral portion ~~and the rear holder~~, the base frame front portion forms a base frame window generally corresponding with the panel frame window and contacts the panel frame front portion in a facially opposing manner ~~with the rear holder surrounding the anti-static sheet,~~

wherein the rear holder surrounds the anti-static sheet and is sized to be slidably received by and retained in the base frame receiving recess with the rear holder front portion in facial contact with the panel frame peripheral portion and the light guiding plate and with the rear holder peripheral portion facially opposing and surrounded by the base frame peripheral portion.

10. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the antistatic sheet is adhered to the rear holder with the double-sided tapes.

11. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the variable display device is one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which the symbols are drawn.

12. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.